

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 3-17 and 19-25 were pending in this application. The Office Action entered a three-way restriction requirement between Claims 3-15 and 22-25 (Group I), Claim 16 (Group II), and Claims 17 and 19-21 (Group III).

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (Claims 3-15 and 22-25) for prosecution in this application. Applicants have canceled the claims of the non-elected Group II (Claim 16) and Group III (Claims 17 and 19-21) without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications. Further, with this response, applicants have amended Claims 3, 8-12, 14, 15, 22 and 25 for consistency and to address minor typographical errors. Accordingly, Claims 3-15 and 22-25 are now pending in this application.

Examination and allowance of the pending claims is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned counsel should he have any questions.

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